White House Design Contest Assignment

You have been asked to design a new executive mansion for the President. You can consult designs of other mansions and palaces to help influence your design. You must consider the type of events that will take place inside the mansion – meetings, dinners, parties – and what it needs to be used for – work space and living quarters. You must create a exterior drawing and/or floorplan of the building. You must also write a strong paragraph – at least 5 sentences – explaining what influenced your design and why you made the choices you did.

This will be a homework/classwork grade.

Resources:

<https://www.whitehousehistory.org/teacher-resources/building-the-white-house> - includes several drawings of the early Executive Mansion as well as the original floorplan.

<http://www.architecturaldigest.com/gallery/most-beautiful-presidential-palaces-white-house-kremlin> - examples of presidential palaces around the world

<http://dc.curbed.com/2014/8/5/10064752/tracing-washington-dcs-design-roots-in-versailles> - Versailles’ influence on L’Enfant’s design of Washington, DC

Feel free to find other resources – websites and images – of the White House and other presidential mansions/palaces